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You have a lot of ground to cover (pun intended)!

For FWS, Region One is the "monumental" region (another pun intended) -- except for the Atlantic marine monument established last fall, we manage ALL the monuments (4 marine, 1 at Hanford) that are under the jurisdiction of FWS. So we're positioned to be a resource/answer data calls for information you may want, and we'll work through our headquarters to provide that (I agree: you need a POC that isn't 3 or 6 hours time difference away, and my message of support isn't intended to leap over that).

Randy, it is helpful (to all) to have seasoned hands on these issues. Congratulations to you AND to us on your assignment.

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On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 3:18 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks again. Its certainly a switch from my workload last week (and the last 6 months). We met about this at 1:30 Monday and Jim Cason announced it internally at 3. I'm still not sure where the paperwork is, but started right away.

On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 6:06 PM, Thorson, Robyn <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Best to you.

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On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 3:03 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)>

wrote:

Thank you. It is a detail to the Deputy Sec office, working with a senior political in the Sec's office. My request to Jim, and all of the bureaus, was for someone in DC who can readily reach out to the field and regions as needed for information. Since we can't be sure we won't need to meet in the mornings I went for people here.

On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Thorson, Robyn <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)> wrote:

On a Directorate VTC today Jim Kurth shared the news that you are the Secretary's lead for the national monuments review. I think "congratulations" are in order -- it seems like a good assignment (I hope so). More selfishly, I'm glad to hear that the DOI lead is someone who thoroughly knows what monuments are!

My understanding is that FWS headquarters is assigned to work with you; count on our support from the region as well.

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